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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
Toru HARADA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1793
Application No.: 10/573,117)	Examiner: Helene G. KLEMANSKI
Filed: March 23, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 8762
For: DYE, INK, INK JET RECORDING)	
METHOD, INK SHEET, COLOR)	
TONER AND COLOR FILTER)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability issued on December 10, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

The comments in the Statement states:

This application teaches a dye represented by the formula (2), (3) or (4) ... and an ink composition containing the above dyes of the formula (2), (3) or (4). The closest prior art of record is US patent Nos. 6,878,196 and 6,923,855, both issued to Harada et al. Both references teach an ink jet composition comprising similar diazo dyes containing triazine rings but fail to specifically exemplify that the triazine ring has a hydroxyl group as a substituent in the specific position as claimed by applicants. Applicants have provided evidence in the specification that the diazo dyes of the above formulae (2), (3) and (4) having an -OM group in the specific position of the instant claims provide improved ink stability as compared to similar diazo dyes that do not contain an -OM group in the specific position. Accordingly, applicants showing of unobviousness and unexpected results have overcome the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections and the 103(a) rejections over both the Harada et al. references and the application is allowable.

(paragraph bridging pages 3 through 5 of the Notice of Allowability).

The above comments seem to relate to claims 1 and 7. It is noted though that other allowed claims in this application, claims 8-11, recite an inkjet recording method, an ink sheet, a color toner, and a color filter, respectively.

Thus, this paper is being filed to clarify the record and point out that the comments in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be understood to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Furthermore, each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.


If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 452-7932 at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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